

**RESOLUTION NO. 287 23**

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR TO REQUIRE THAT ALL BOARD AND COMMISSION MEETINGS PROVIDE VIRTUAL ACCESS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION, LIVE VIEWING, AND POST-MEETING VIEWING.**

**WHEREAS**, the Office of the Mayor supervises the administration of the County's existing boards and commissions; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 13-20(b) of the Hawai'i County Charter requires that boards and commissions take official action only at meetings open to the public; and

**WHEREAS**, currently there are certain boards and commissions whose meetings are limited to in-person public access only, thus requiring members of the public to be physically present at the meeting site to present oral testimony and view the proceedings of the board or commission; and

**WHEREAS**, certain boards and commissions do not provide an accessible video archive of their meetings to allow for post-meeting viewing, requiring interested persons to wait for the production of written meeting minutes as an access point to the deliberations and actions of the board or commission; and

**WHEREAS**, Exhibit "A" attached hereto, received from the Office of the Mayor lists current boards and commissions that provide, and do not provide, virtual access to meetings; and

**WHEREAS**, all board and commission meetings should provide virtual access to ensure maximum levels of involvement, transparency, and accountability of government activity; and

**WHEREAS**, maximum levels of public participation are paramount to effective information gathering and decision making; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I** that it strongly urges the Office of the Mayor to require that all board and commission meetings provide virtual access for public participation, live viewing, and post-meeting viewing.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Office of the Mayor is urged to appropriate sufficient funds to carry out the provisions proposed in this resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Office of the Mayor and the Department of Finance.

Dated at \_\_\_\_\_, Hawai'i, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

INTRODUCED BY:

CS for *Adelita Bow-John*

COUNCIL MEMBER, COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

COUNTY COUNCIL  
County of Hawai'i  
Hilo, Hawai'i

I hereby certify that the foregoing RESOLUTION was by the vote indicated to the right hereof adopted by the COUNCIL of the County of Hawai'i on \_\_\_\_\_.

ATTEST:

COUNTY CLERK    CHAIRPERSON & PRESIDING OFFICER

ROLL CALL VOTE

	AYES	NOES	ABS	EX
EVANS				
GALIMBA				
INABA				
KAGIWADA				
KANEALI'I-KLEINFELDER				
KIERKIEWICZ				
KIMBALL				
LEE LOY				
VILLEGAS				

Reference: C-497/GOEAC

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Exhibit A

County of Hawai'i Boards and Commissions	Virtual Access
Arborist Advisory Committee	YES
Banyan Drive Redevelopment Agency (In the process of being established)	N/A
Board of Appeals	YES
Board of Ethics	YES
Charter Commission	N/A
Committee on Aging	NO
Committee on People with Disabilities (Will soon move to Hybrid)	NO
Committee on the Status of Women	YES
Cost of Government Commission	N/A
Cultural Resources Commission	YES
Environment Management Commission	YES
Fire Board of Appeals (In the process of being established)	N/A
Fire Commission	NO
Game Management Adviosory Commission	YES
Hāmākua CDP Action Committee	YES
Ka'ū CDP Action Committee	NO
Kailua Village Design Commission	YES
Kona CDP Action Committee	Yes
Leeward Planning Commission	YES
Liquor Commission	NO
Liquor Control Adjudication Board	NO
Local Emergency Planning Committee	YES
Merit Appeals Board	YES
North Kohala CDP Action Committee	N/A
Pension Board	NO
Police Commission	NO
Public Access, Open Space, and Natural Preservation Commission	NO
Puna CDP Action Commission	YES
Redistricting Commission	N/A
Salary Commission	YES

South Kohala CDP Action Committee	YES
Tax Board of Review	NO
Transportation Commission	YES
Veterans Advisory Committee	YES
Water Board	YES
Windward Planning Commission	YES
Youth Commission	YES